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“The appointments of Kabua and Muller was not difficult. All those involved agreed that Kabua and Muller were the right choice.”

Kessai H. Note

## HAIL AND FAREWELL



*Ambassador and Mrs. Phillip Kabua and President and First Lady Note during Kabua's swearing-in ceremony to become the new Ambassador to Japan*

The evening was followed by speeches from both the Ambassador and Chief Secretary. Both thanked the President, Cabinet and the Nitijela (Parliament) for their “confidence” in them.

Other speeches were given by local businessmen and department and agency heads.

“The Government has made an excellent choice in selecting an Ambassador to Japan and a Chief Secretary,” said Jerry Kramer of Pacific International, Inc. “Thanks to President Note, the Cabinet and Nitijela.”

President Note added that both Kabua and Muller have a wealth of knowledge and that the decision to appoint both to their respective position was “not difficult.”

Ambassador Kabua departed Majuro for Tokyo earlier during the week.

President Kessai H. Note and First Lady Mary N. Note held a reception, over the weekend, in honor of the new RMI Ambassador to Japan Phillip Kabua and welcoming RMI's new Chief Secretary Bobby Muller. Kabua, before his appointment as Ambassador, was the second Chief Secretary

of the RMI Government, the highest civil servant post in the nation.

“We have two important post in the development of our nation,” said President Note Saturday evening. “And we have two capable people. I wish both the Ambassador and the Chief Secretary all the best as they continue to work for and seek more for the people of the Marshall Islands.”



*Bobby Muller (left) with the Forum Fisheries Agency Director Feleti Teo...June 9, 2005*

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## President to Visit Bikini Atoll with DOE Representatives



Members of the 4 Atoll during a meeting with the President and Minister of Foreign Affairs

... pact and the lost that the Marshallese people experienced from the nuclear testing legacy,” said President Note, prior to his departure. “We are cur-

rently working with the U.S. Congress to seek full, final and just compensation to the Marshall Islands, most especially those directly affected by the tests.”

President Note was joined by the Ministers Zackios, and Konelios along with Bikini Senator Tomaki Juda and local government leaders.

Representatives of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) arrived Majuro earlier this week to visit areas where DOE’s programs are currently being undertaken.

President Kessai H. Note joined the Bikini representatives, local leaders and the DOE representatives on Thursday, during the Bikini leg of the trip, returning back to Majuro earlier today.

“It is important that the U.S. Administration understand the im-

### RMI to Host Next FAO Meeting



R&D Minister John M. Silk

The Marshall Islands will be host to the next Ministerial level meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) meeting in 2007, according to Resources and Development Ministers John M. Silk, who just recently returned from the Sixth FAO meeting in the Cook Islands early last week.

Minister Silk indicated that he is optimistic that the FAO Director, Jacques Diouf, will be present in Majuro during the 2007 meeting.

Silk added that he had submitted proposals for RMI programs to the Director during their bilateral meeting, which turned out “really positive.”

Silk is hopeful that the meeting will take place in the summer of 2007.

## ZACKHRAS RETURNS FROM SPRINGDALE



Minister Matt Zackhras (left) and Foreign Affairs' David Paul...June 2005

dale, Arkansas participating in the community’s (Marshallese) Constitution celebration late last month.

Minister Zackhras, who represented the President and the RMI government, indicated that the celebrations were “wonderful.”

In a statement during the opening ceremonies, Zackhras said that the community in Springdale is one of a few that offers opportunities to foreigners. He thanked the local and community leaders for their continuing support to the Marshallese community in Springdale.

Minister Zackhras, the former Deputy Chief of Mission at the RMI Embassy in Washington, occasionally visited Springdale during his posting in Washington.

While in Springdale, the Minister received donated four computers and six boxes of books, from the Student in Free Enterprise, for the Namdrik schools. The Minister also met with the Marshallese community.

The government contributed \$2,000 to the celebrations.

Public Works and Namdrik Senator Matt Zackhras returned from Spring-

## PRESIDENT DELIVERED KEYNOTE TO RMI FILIPINO COMMUNITY



President Note delivers the keynote address during the FAMI celebration of the Philippines Independence Day...June 11, 2005

President Note and First Lady Mary Note, who were making their third stop in a busy schedule, thanked the audience for their invitation, however; that he and the First Lady won't be present throughout the celebration.

The President stated that the gathering of the Filipino community demonstrates democracy and freedom.

“The importance of this gathering, not only to the Filipino community here in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, but also to the people and Government of the Marshall Islands, illustrates sovereignty, democracy and the rule of law that binds people of all nations upholding the freedom to choose and the freedom to live freely,” said President Note.

“The diversity of the relationships I share with many of you here tonight and the diversity of the talents and skills present tonight shows the continued impact and influence, you the Filipino community, will continue to have in the course of the development of the Marshall Islands,” Marshall Islands President Kessai H. Note told the Filipino Association of the Marshall Islands during their celebration of the Philippines independence day celebration at the Majuro’s Long Island Hotel on Saturday.

### Speaker Tomeing in Taiwan

Nitijela (Parliament) Speaker Litokwa Tomeing visited Taiwan this week at the invitation of Republic of China’s President Chen Shui-Bian.

President Chen invited the Speaker to Taiwan during Chen’s state visit to the Marshall Islands in early May.

On Thursday, Chen received Speaker Tomeing in his office in Taipei. Tomeing was also scheduled to meet with Taiwan’s Parliament Speaker and other high ranking ROC officials.



Speaker Tomeing and President Chen in Majuro...May 2, 2005

### WHO Discussed Health Issues in Geneva



Min. Alvin T. Jacklick

Recently, the Honorable Alvin Jacklick, Minister of Health and the Assistant Secretary for Primary Health Care participated in the 58<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland. Minister Jacklick delivered a prepared statement on behalf of the Pacific countries who were present at the Assembly.

Being active participants, the delegation of the Marshall Islands was a signatory to few of the health issues discussed during the Assembly namely, (a) Tobacco Convention, (2) Tuberculosis Prevention and Control, (3) Health problems caused by harmful use of alcohol, and (4) Infant and Children’s nutrition; a resolution, in which the Marshall Islands acted as one of co-sponsoring entities. Significant numbers of health issues were brought out into the forum to be discussed by all the Ministers of health from around the globe.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thu. June 23: Cabinet Meeting
- Fri. July 8: World Expo (Japan)
- July 12-14: Pacific Islands Forum Core Group meeting in New Zealand
- July 21-24: Micronesian Presidents' Summit (Palau)
- Sun. July 24: Mini South Pacific Games opening in Palau
- Mon. Aug 1: Marshall Islands Mayors' Association Meeting begins
- Mon. Aug 8: 2005 2nd Session of Nitijela Opens
- September 14-16 High Level Summit (N.Y.)
- Thu. Sept 15: President to address Summit during the afternoon session
- September 17-28: UNGA General Debate

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